

Claims:

1. A communication device (1) comprising at least a housing (2) which comprises at least a first part (2b) and a second part (2a), and means for providing user interface functions (UI1), comprising at least a first keypad (3) and a display (4), **characterized** in that the user interface (UI1) is arranged to be replaceable by placing a replacement cover (5) in a detachable manner in connection with the housing (2), substantially parallel to the second part (2a), onto or in place of the second part (2a), and that said replacement cover (5) comprises at least means (3, 6) for providing key functions.

2. The communication device (1) according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the second part (2a) is arranged to be detached before fixing the replacement cover (5) onto the first part (2b), and that at least part of the first keypad (3) is provided in said replacement cover (5).

3. The communication device (1) according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the replacement cover (5) further comprises a display (4).

4. The communication device (1) according to claim 2, **characterized** in that said replacement cover (5) comprises at least a cover part (5a) and a functional cover (5b), that the means (3, 6) for providing the key functions comprise key elements (16) for detecting a pressing of the keys (3a–3l) of the keypad (3), and that the replacement cover (5) further comprises means (18) for transferring information about the keystrokes to the communication device (1).

5. The communication device (1) according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the second part (2a) comprises a first keypad (3), that the means (3, 6) of the replacement cover (5) for providing key functions comprise a second keypad (6), that the replacement cover (5) is arranged to be fixed onto the second part (2a), and that the keys (6a–6f) of said second keypad (6) are placed in such a way that when the replacement cover (5) is fixed onto the second part (2a), at least some of the keys (6a–6f) of the second keypad (6) are at the location of at

least one key (3a–3l) of the first keypad (3), wherein the user interface (UI1) primarily consists of the display (4) and the second keypad (6).

6. The communication device (5) according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the communication device (1) comprises means (3, 11) for activating the keys (6a–6f) of the second keypad (6) to function non-simultaneously with the keys (3a–3l) of the first keypad (3).

7. The communication device (1) according to any of the claims 1 to 6, **characterized** in that it is a wireless communication device.

8. The communication device (1) according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the means (3, 6) for providing key functions of the replacement cover (5) comprise a one touchable area for a key function which touchable area is larger than the touchable area of the keys of the keypad (3, 6) onto which the replacement cover (5) is placed.

9. A method for changing the user interface (UI1) in a communication device (1) comprising at least a housing (2) which comprises at least a first part (2b) and a second part (2a), and means for providing user interface functions (UI1), comprising at least a first keypad (3) and a display (4), **characterized** in that in the method, the user interface (UI1) is changed by placing a replacement cover (5) in a detachable manner in connection with the housing (2), substantially parallel to the second part (2a), onto or in place of the second part (2a), and that said replacement cover (5) is equipped with at least means (3, 6) for providing key functions.

10. The method according to claim 9, **characterized** in that the second part (2a) is detached before fixing the replacement cover (5) onto the first part (2b).

11. The method according to claim 11, **characterized** in that the keypad (3) is placed in the replacement cover (5) which is formed of a cover part (5a) and a functional cover (5b), and which replacement cover (5) is equipped with key elements (16) for detecting the stroke of

keys (3a–3f) of said keypad (3), and information about the keystrokes is transferred from the replacement cover (5) to the communication device (1).

- 5 12. The method according to claim 9, **characterized** in that the replacement cover (5) is provided with a second keypad (6) in such a way that when the replacement cover (5) is fixed onto the second part (2a) of the housing (2), at least some of the keys (6a–6f) of the second keypad (6) are located by at least one key (3a–3l) of the first keypad
- 10 (3).